



## 's REDD+ road map

REDD+ is an international climate change mechanism to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries. REDD+ creates a financial value for the carbon stored in forests, and offers incentives for developing countries to reduce emissions from forested lands and invest in low-carbon paths to sustainable development. REDD+ not only focuses on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, but also recognizes the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks. REDD+ is part of the current UN climate change negotiations (UNFCCC). As this new initiative gains acceptance it is essential to ensure that it delivers benefits to both people and biodiversity.

Over the past two decades climate change has increasingly become recognized as a serious threat to sustainable development, with current and projected impacts on areas such as





for multiple stakeholders including women organisations, gender experts and policy level people working in REDD+ process in Cameroon. The outcome of these participatory stakeholder workshops





	CASH: Local sales of products from harvest (e.g NTFP); diversified and increased of source of income
Men	NON CASH: Health issues; nutritional benefits; culturally enriching; emotional, psychological and spiritual satisfaction  CASH: Economic benefits and diversification of activities and sources of income

Gender inequalities can affect good forest governance. Inequalities can limit or restrict women in many ways (Table 2). In the case of Cameroon women often dominate the collection and marketing of NTFPs but they do not have security of access to these products or land and



Control over cash generated by activities in the forests Yes

If [redacted] advantage, increasing their access to and benefits from REDD+ projects and increasing their visibility as forest managers and leaders for sustainability. However there are both risks and opportunities for women in REDD+ projects. In the case of Cameroon, during a workshop (September, 2011), with representatives from women organizations, one of the main activities aimed to identify and discuss risks, opportunities and challenges that REDD+ could have for women (table 3). One of the main concerns that surfaced [redacted] their forests and forest resources.

On the other side, REDD+ might promote opportunities for them to get governments to reform [redacted] their knowledge on forest management. Women need to be recognized as key actors in the REDD+ process, and mechanism should be designed for them to be involved in all decision-making process and projects related to REDD+. Participants also highlighted that the government should recognize





and favor the few pilot projects that promote the effective participation of disadvantaged groups in the REDD+ process.





The Gender and REDD+ roadmap is the product of multi stakeholder process that brought makers to discuss country-specific gender issues and propose actions that would lead to gender-sensitive REDD+ national processes.

The process started with a 3- and gender experts, followed immediately by a 2-day workshop for national policy makers where representatives from the first workshop were invited to participate. The first workshop for women and members of the civil society had 33 women in attendance and 32 participants attended the second workshop from government ministries and representatives from

The process allowed participants to enhance their knowledge, discuss country-specific gender inequalities, identify gender specific risks and opportunities associated to REDD+ and propose concrete actions to address or highlight these risks and opportunities.





Objectives	Action steps	Timeline	Indicators of success	Responsible	Possible Source of Resource
1. To support the establishment of a gender and forest task force in Cameroon	1.1 Identify women and gender focused organizations, including representatives of indigenous peoples and grassroots based organizations, interested in/already working on forestry issues 1.2 Provide capacity building sessions for these women organizations				





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1.To  
avoid/mitigate  
negative  
impacts of  
REDD+  
initiative on  
women rights

1.1 Identify existing inequalities and causes of discrimination to women







	<p>participation; fair access to information, education to enable decision-making and consent; and equitable distribution of benefits</p> <p>1.6 Inform local women of their rights, safeguards and build their capacity to use grievance or protocols systems if safeguards are violated</p>		Number of claims presented through the grievance system		
2. Involve women in all REDD+ activities	<p>2.1 Identify activities under the REDD+ National Strategy and target groups per sector of activity</p> <p>2.2 Build the capacity of the gender and forest task force on the activities under the REDD+ National Strategy</p> <p>2.3 Train local women on SFM and other REDD+ activities, such as agricultural techniques with low impact on the environment, afforestation, forestry certification, agroforestry and forestry techniques, NTFP processing</p> <p>2.4 Empower local women to assume leadership roles during the implementation of REDD+ activities through capacity building</p> <p>2.5 Resources are ensured for local women to perform SFM and other REDD+ activities; such as improved agricultural techniques with low impact on the environment, afforestation, forestry certification, agroforestry and forestry techniques, NTFP processing</p>	2012-2013 Ongoing	<p>Number of groups organized per sector of activity</p> <p>Gender and forest task force with knowledge of REDD+ activities</p> <p>Number of women trained on SFM and other REDD+ activities</p> <p>Gender and forest task force develops methodology to build the capacity of local women</p> <p>Number of women participating in SFM, afforestation, forestry certification, agroforestry and forestry techniques, NTFP processing, and adopting improved agricultural techniques with low impact on the environment</p> <p>funded</p>	<p>MINEP, MINFOF, Implementing Partners Organizations</p> <p>Gender and forests task force</p>	FCPF, UN REDD Private Sector





The arrangements that will help put in practice the road map will be based upon the existing national structures for gender and REDD+ issues to ensure the desired outcomes.

This effort has given as a result the first road map on gender and REDD+ in Cameroon. Its principal driving principle was to ensure that both women and men are fully recognized as forest stakeholders, that they have equal opportunity to develop their capacities and to participate, contribute and benefit from the REDD+ initiatives.

